on it, which has since been received and the same is being examined.

Creation of Union Territory for Chakmas in Mizoram

1865. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum dated the 14th February, 1992 from Chakma Jatiya Parishad, Mizoram for creation of a Union Territory for the Chakmas residing in Mizoram; and

(b) if so, what is Government's! reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has[1] been examined, in consultation with the State Government of Mizoram, which is of the view that this demand is not justified as the Chakmas of Mizoram already have an Autonomous District Council.

Settlement of Problems of Migrants from Ea$t Bengal

18S6. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's reply to the recommendation No. 11 (Para 1.75) in the 70th report of the Estimates Committee (1988-89) of eighth Lok Sabha regarding communication gap between migrants and rehabilitation authorities, was not acceptable to the committee and their original recommendation has been reiterated by advising Government to have some institutional arrangements for representation of migrants from East Bengal for settlement of their continuing problems; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps taken by Government so far in the matter since the presentation of the Action Taken Report (No. 4) of the Estimates Committee of the Ninth Lok Sabha in August, 1990?

THE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As advised by the Estimates Committee, the Government reconsidered the matter and informed the Lok Sabha Secretariat on 24-1-1991 that it was not considered necessary at this late stage to have separate institutional arrangements for attending to the grievances, if any, of the migrant settlers because the rehabilitation projects which were set up in various States had been transferred to the respective State Governments and integrated with the normal district administrations. The migrants are, therefore, deemed to have merged with the national mainstream. Still, if the individual migrant has any grievance against the local officers, he is free to represent to the higher authorities at the district level, state level and even to the Government of India.

Torture of Undertrials

1867. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that torture of under trials in police custody has become a daily routine in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of deaths in police custody is increasing year by year with few convictions of the persons involved;

(c) if so, whether Government pro pose to amend rules and regulations responsible for this and also in view of the various judgements given by law courts in this regard; and

(d) the break-up of cases of torture and deaths in police custody in the country during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) No data relating to the number of cases involving death of the persons in police lock-up or police custody are compiled on an all-India basis, as complaints against police and other related criminal matters are primarily the concern of the State Governments. The Government of India have issued guidelines to the State Governments from time to time to ensure that the police force conduct themselves in a humane manner and that alleged cases of police excesses should be taken serious note of and dealt with firmly. Specific complaints of this nature against the police are looked into by the Courts and the State Governments. At present there is no proposal under consideration to amend Rules and regulations in this regard as the provisions under the existing enactments are sufficient to deal with such complaints.

Protection of Rights of Women

,1868. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atten tion has been drawn to the news i-sport published in the 'Pioneer' of the 29th April, 1992 regarding protec tion of rights of women;

(b) if so, the number of cases which have come to Government's notice of ill-treatment, torture, rape and sexual abuse of women in police cutody and in jails during the last three years and so far in 1992 in the country and particularly in Delhi;

(c) what action Government have taken in such cases against the guilty persons; and

(d) what instructions Government h&ve issued to the State Governments for the protection of life and honour of women in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATB IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The news report ha» been seen.

(b) to (d) 'Police' and 'Pmson' being state subjects^ it is primarily for the State Governments to take aetion whenever there are cases of ill-treatment, torture, rape and sexual abuse of women in police custody and m jails. Statistics of such incident^ in the country are not compiled and monitored by the Central agencies. However, whenever complaints of fcis nature are received by the Cautral Government, these are brought to the notice of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations eon« cemed for appropriate action.

Extradition of Prabhakara

1869. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI S. S,, AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOM1 AFFAIRS b_e pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.B.I, has namefl Prabhakaran as the prime accuse in late Rajiv Gandhi assassination ease;

(b) if so, whether Government pro- pose to approach any agency in case Government of Sri Lanka dees not co-operate for the extradition of Pra- bhakaran; and

(c) if so, the details of the steppproposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATB IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTR-